Maoist of Nepal intruding bordering area of Uttarakhand

†1313. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoist of Nepal are intruding in the bordering areas of Uttarakhand and they have also damaged Indian property there;

(b) whether Government is taking any concrete steps for its border security to curb such incidents in future; and

(c) whether Government has made contact with Government of Nepal officially in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V RADHIKA SELVI): (a) India-Nepal have open border and visa free regime. There are no restrictions on the movement of both nationals across the border. There are no reports confirming any intrusion of Maoist of Nepal in the bordering areas of Uttarakhand and damage to Indian property. However, because of internal situation in Nepal, some significant activities of Maoist have been reported in areas of Nepal bordering India.

(b) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) which is the Border Guarding Force on the India-Nepal border maintains a constant vigil to check any hostile activity. SSB has also been asked to work in close coordination with the State Governments having border with Nepal to check the entry of undesirable elements into India. Government of India is also keeping a close watch on overall situation.

(c) India and Nepal have various bilateral mechanisms to address issues of mutual security concern including entry of undesirable elements into each others territory.

Steps to examine various natural calamities in Kerala

1314. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step during the last one year to examine various natural calamities in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details including the reasons identified and loss due to land slides, land slip coastal erosion and flood that have accrued in various districts during last one year;

(c) the steps taken to provide assistance to the State so as to recover from calamities during the last one year; and

(d) the details of short term steps adopted to control above natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) As per the information furnished by the Government of Kerala, the Geological Survey of India and the Centre for Earth Science Studies have been monitoring the various natural calamities in the State. During the last one year, the Geological Survey of India has studied 42 landslides / debris flow / land slump incidents in Idukki, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikkode, Wayanad and Kannur Districts of Kerala and has assessed the causative factors besides suggesting mitigative, remedial and control & corrective measures

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